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## **Kaiser Permanente Cuts Ribbon on New Lab at Palmdale Medical Office**

PALMDALE, CA (February 16, 2022)—On Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, the leadership team of Kaiser Permanente Antelope Valley commemorated the re-opening of their new laboratory at their Palmdale Medical Offices. For the past year, the laboratory has been undergoing renovation and expansion to better serve its Antelope Valley members. They were joined by Palmdale Mayor Steve Hofbauer and Palmdale Medical Office staff.

“Due to our tremendous growth in the Antelope Valley, we outgrew our existing laboratory needs and needed to expand,” said Khodam Rostomian, MD, Area Medical Director, Kaiser Permanente Antelope Valley. “Now our Palmdale area members will be treated to a state-of-the-art laboratory that will result in visits that are faster and more enjoyable.”

The new laboratory will benefit members by being equipped with a state-of-the-art member queuing system where members can freely and comfortably wait in other parts of the Medical Office building or opt for text messaging when it’s their turn for blood collection.

New blood draw stations have been added that have the necessary ergonomic and safety features for members and the staff. The new patient chairs can fully recline, tables are adjustable, and a separate station is dedicated to members that are in wheelchairs. There is a separate private room for newborn/pediatric patients and their families or patients that may require extra accommodation.

With the laboratory open again, this allows Kaiser Permanente to utilize the Palmdale Medical Office conference space for things like the COVID-19 vaccination clinic, which recently reopened in Palmdale.

“This new lab and all the hard work and resources that went into it is a tremendous illustration of our Kaiser Permanente mission: to provide high quality, affordable health care services and to improve the health of our members and the communities we serve,” adds Patricia Clausen, Senior Vice President and Area Manager, Kaiser



Permanente Antelope Valley. “As always, our praise goes out to the Palmdale Medical Office team that worked diligently to get the new lab up and running.”

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